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## Chapter “A”

### Pioneer Chapter

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## Check It Out!

By: Smitty


Our chapter Web site is a continual work in progress. As the chapter Web master my goal is to provide meaningful and useful information for all who visit our Web site. I will be using this section in the monthly newsletter to focus attention on new features that have been added to the site. My first Check It Out notification is the new Favorite Rides page. This feature will be utilized to publish favorite rides. The goal is to publish a map of the ride route and a brief description and rating of the ride. Mapping the route is fairly easy using either Map Quest or Google Maps. To get a ride added to the Web site please forward the ride information to me and I will ensure it gets added to the site. You can also send me the starting point, the destination and any stopping points in between and I will be more than happy to map the route for you.



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## It's All About the Rides

By: D.W. Gary

Hi Members.

This is your Ride Coordinator D.W.Gary. It has been some time since my last article. It warms me that for the last several months those attending the ride meetings and rode on the monthly rides have increased even during this cold season. Many of our newest members have stepped forward in all areas of our chapter and district activities. As for creating rides, remember, you pick them and our other activities. Come forward with your rides giving the where to, cost if any, duration (short, all day, overnight or longer) plus route information and you to guide us. You need

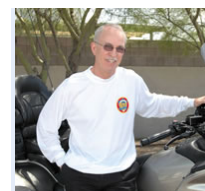
not lead the ride but please do join the ride. If you are unable to attend our ride meeting pass the information on to someone who can attend. We can plan rides several months ahead and adjust them if necessary up to the final month. Thank you all and see you around on the road. Hugs "D"



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## January Meeting Statistics

50 Members  
7 Visitors  
6 Bikes  
1 Trikes

# Group Ride

By: Smitty

3 February 2007 Ride – A flock of five condors (Honda GLs) met up at the Chevron on Ina and Magee for a ride to the Arboretum near Globe, AZ. The flock, led by Bob and Althea Berry, headed out at just a few minutes past 9am. The morning had a bit of a chill (47 degrees), but it warmed up to the low 60s fairly quickly. We headed north on AZ 77 and enjoyed the brisk and fresh morning air along with the beautiful scenery. We stopped for a break in Winkelman, which is where we discovered that the Arboretum was not a great destination this time of year since it's closed. So, we decided to turn the ride into a lunch run to Globe. We stopped at Judy's café in Globe and enjoyed a relaxing lunch (you should have seen the huge stack of Strawberries and whipped cream covered pancakes D.W. devoured, quite impressive!). Our trip home took us toward Superior and then through Kearny, AZ. There were some awesome mountain roads that twisted and turned. This was totally cool and allowed everyone to get into the rhythm of the road. We returned to Tucson around 4:30pm where our multi-colored flock of condors split up and headed back to our nests. Also on the ride were Garry & Kerry Woo, Steve & Laurie Williams, D.W. Gary, & Smitty Smith.



# First Aid Training



By: Smitty

On 10 February, Chapter A held its annual CPR/First Aid training. We had a very good turnout with 33 individuals in attendance, including Chapter K's Directors and Educator. The training was held at the Pantano Christian Church located on Houghton Rd. This was the first time I have attended the chapter-sponsored CPR/First Aid training and I was very impressed with the quality of instruction and the wonderful participation of those in attendance. Before retiring from active

duty with the USAF I was required to take annual first aid and CPR training. So, I figured this class would be very much like the boring courses I had taken in the USAF. Boy was I wrong. Our instructors, Bill and Joann Hitt, were awesome and definitely connected with the group. The class lasted 7 hours and we covered the proper method for performing CPR. We also covered the many different aspects of performing basic (first responder) first aid. Our morning session was the CPR portion of the training. We then took a well deserved lunch break which was pot luck. After lunch the group tackled the first aid portion of the training which was very informative and we even got to practice a couple of the first aid techniques. Many in the group also received certification training on the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED). These machines are used in emergency situations to monitor a victim's heart rhythm and if the victim goes into ventricular fibrillation (cardiac arrest) the AED will deliver an electric shock in an attempt to restart the heart. A very high-tech machine yet extremely easy to use.



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# Photos Wanted

As the chapter webmaster I am hoping to get pictures of our current members. Why you ask? Well, I want to get photos of all of our current members posted to the chapter web site. This will serve as a sort of chapter directory of who is who. I would really like to have the photos taken with your Wings. Even better would be a photo and a short bio stating how long you have been riding, how you came to Tucson, how long you have been in Tucson, current profession, and anything else you might like us to know. The photos can be E-mailed to me at [dsmithmce@cox.net](mailto:dsmithmce@cox.net)

# Educator's Kick Start

In this month's article, I thought we would address some common technique errors that are really BAD IDEAS.

**Riding in Blind Spots:** One of the most dangerous mistakes motorcyclists make is to linger in other driver's blind spots. Motorcycles easily disappear in the invisible area between typical car and truck mirror coverage. Few drivers seem to practice head checks to determine if a lane change is safe. A motorcyclist is riding along, and all of a sudden a vehicle is coming into their lane. A rule of thumb is to ride through blind spots. Also, avoid changing lanes into a driver's blind spot and position your motorcycle within your lane to ensure optimum visibility in traffic.

**Trying to Keep Up:** Group rides can be a lot of fun. But too many times, group rides turn sour as inexperienced or less skilled rider's crash trying to keep up with the group. This often happens if a rider is afraid of losing touch with the group, or appears less capable than the others. It's important for group leaders to have a plan that keeps the group together and to assure slower riders that they won't be left behind. It's also important for individuals to recognize when they are being influenced by the need to stay with the group. Y2 will always respect your willingness to ride within your limits. But, you must inform your group leader of your concerns.

**Accelerating Through An Intersection:** It is tempting to twist the throttle through an intersection to try and beat a red light. It's a reflex many of us have, and even the smartest riders have been known to do it. The problem is that intersections are the number one location where crashes occur. It's important to remember that motorcycles have small visual impact and can be lost in surrounding traffic. The small frontal profile not only makes us harder to see, it can also make it more difficult for others to judge our distance and approach speed. Keeping this in mind, you can see why drivers often pull out in front of motorcycles, thinking it is safe to proceed. The lesson here is that increasing your speed through intersections is a "bad idea".

**Stopping Too Close To the Vehicle In Front Of You:** Too many riders position themselves poorly for escape when stopping behind vehicles at a stoplight or stop sign. Give yourself plenty of room to maneuver in case a driver approaching from the rear can't stop in time. This means positioning your motorcycle well away from the vehicle in front and to one side (usually the left portion of your lane) ♥ This position allows room to move forward, past the car in front and has the added benefit of keeping your tires off the often slippery center part of the lane. Be sure to keep your eyes on your mirrors to monitor vehicles approaching from the rear. Keep your motorcycle in first gear so you can respond quickly if necessary.

**Signaling Too Late:** Miscommunication is a major cause of traffic-related mishaps. One of the most common examples of this is slowing down or maneuvering before signaling your intent, which forces surrounding traffic to guess what you are up to. Well-timed communication ensures that traffic around you is not surprised by your actions. Remember, simply rolling off the

throttle may slow your motorcycle enough to require the typical car driver behind you to brake, but he doesn't know what you are going to do. Signal three to five seconds prior to turning and activate your brake light early to alert drivers of a change in direction or speed.

**Leaving Riding Gear At Home:** It's easy to leave your riding jacket, gloves, boots, or helmet on the shelf for a short trip to the local store or restaurant. But many crashes happen close to home, and at relatively low speeds. It doesn't take much of an accident to render yourself brain-dead without some head protection. And road rash is no laughing matter either; a simple low speed fall can do a lot of damage to your epidermis without the benefit of sturdy protection. Wide skin abrasion can easily turn into infection, and the risk of lethal septic shock. Do yourself a favor and make riding gear a habit, no matter how short the trip.

Can you see how easy it is to pick up any of these **BAD IDEAS**? And how little effort it takes to turn them all into **GOOD IDEAS**!

**TOM DURHAM**  
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## Masters Weekend

Just a reminder to anyone still planning on attending masters Weekend 2007. The date for this event is 9-11 March, in Laughlin NV. This is right around the corner. Need more information? See the event flyer in this newsletter.

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# Masters Weekend 2007

## March 9-11, 2007

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Vintage Corvette Convention &  
Car Show (same weekend)

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## District Events

February 2007			
Date	Day	Host Chapter(s)	Event
17	Saturday	R	<u>Yuma Ride - Overnight</u>
17	Saturday	A	<u>CHAPTER B RIDE</u>
17	Saturday	B	<u>Chapter B's Breakfast Meeting</u>
17	Saturday	S	<u>Yuma Overnight with Chapter R</u>
18	Sunday	R	<u>Yuma Ride - Overnight</u>
20	Tuesday	S	<u>AZ-S Staff Meeting</u>
21	Wednesday	R	<u>AZR Ice Cream - Baskin Robbins</u>
24	Saturday	R	<u>AZR Breakfast Meeting &amp; Ride</u>
24	Saturday	D	<u>AZD Snowball Ride</u>
25	Sunday	R	<u>Parking Lot Practice</u>
25	Sunday	A	<u>DOUGLAS</u>
March 2007			
03	Saturday	A	<u>CHAPTER S CELEBRATION</u>
03	Saturday	S	<u>Chapter S Anniversary Party</u>
03	Saturday	D	<u>AZD visit Chapter S Anniversary Celebration</u>
04	Sunday	A	<u>GLOBE OLD TOWN</u>
06	Tuesday	D	<u>AZD Staff Meeting</u>
06	Tuesday	A	<u>CHAPTER E RIDE</u>
09	Friday	S	<u>Master's Weekend - Laughlin</u>
09	Friday	R	<u>Masters Weekend (Laughlin, NV)</u>
09	Friday	0	<u>Masters Celebration</u>
10	Saturday	0	<u>Master's Celebration</u>
10	Saturday	D	<u>AZD Breakfast</u>
10	Saturday	D	<u>AZD Dinner Ride</u>
11	Sunday	0	<u>Master's Celebration</u>
14	Wednesday	R	<u>Dinner Ride</u>
15	Thursday	D	<u>AZD Death Valley Trip (3/15 to 3/18)</u>
17	Saturday	D	<u>AZD visit to AZA Chili Cook Off</u>
17	Saturday	B	<u>Chapter B's Breakfast Meeting</u>
17	Saturday	A	<u>Chapter A Chili Cookoff</u>
20	Tuesday	S	<u>AZ-S Staff Meeting</u>
21	Wednesday	R	<u>AZR Ice Cream - Cold Stone Creamery</u>
23	Friday	S	<u>CA1R Rally in the Valley</u>
24	Saturday	R	<u>AZR Breakfast Meeting &amp; Ride</u>
25	Sunday	A	<u>IKEA</u>
25	Sunday	R	<u>Parking Lot Practice</u>
27	Tuesday	D	<u>AZD Destination Dinner Ride</u>
28	Wednesday	A	<u>REBS</u>

# February 2007 Chapter A Ride Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Birthdays: 4 Feb – Cliff Sias, 6 Feb – Jerry Johnson, 7 Feb – Lou Crum, 8 Feb – Louise Siddall, 10 Feb – Dave Novitt, 11 Feb – Kay Dahms, 15 Feb – Jeff Kapp, 26 Feb – Bill Cordray & Ron Penner  ***** HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE *****				1 6:30 Pm: Ride meeting @ Marie Calendars	2	3 10:00Am: Brown bag lunch to Arboretum (meet @Chevron on Oracle & Magee)
4	5	6	7	8 Chapter "A" Staff Meeting 7PM Pantano Christian Church (Room #7)	9	10 8:00Am – CPR/First Aid class @ Pantano Christian Church on Houghton Rd (Pot Luck bring side dish)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 6:00Am – Chapter "B" POE ride (meet @ Chevron on Ina & Old Father) Chapter "A" meeting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Chapter "K" Meeting
25 10:00Am – Ride to Douglas (Meet @ Chevron I-10 & Wilmot)	26	27	28	Anniversaries: 4 Feb – Jerry & Maryann Jordan 14 Feb – Bill & Nancy Cordray 17 Feb – Lou & Sally Crum  ***** HAPPY ANNIVERSARY *****		

NOTE: Ride events with \*\* indicate need to sign up for the ride so a head count can be provided to the eating establishment in advance

## March 2007 Chapter A Ride Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Birthdays:</b> 5 Mar – Vernon Cottrell, 6 Mar – Robin Johnson, 9 Mar – Bob Dahms, 20 Mar – Ron Friend, 22 Mar – Diane Lumpkin, 25 Mar – Sally Crum, 27 Mar – Ron James, 30 Mar – Ken Lavoie *****				1 6:30PM Ride Coordination Meeting @ Marie Calendars on Broadway & Wilmot	2	3 8:30AM – Chapter “S” celebration & POE ride
<b>Anniversaries</b> – 3 Mar – Bill and Joanne Bracco 17 Mar - Daniel Smith & Elizabeth Bottka-Smith						
4 9AM – Ride to Globe – Meet @ Oracle & Magee	5	6 5PM – Chapter “E” POE ride (Meet @ Chevron I-10 & Wilmot)	7	8	9 Masters Weekend	10 Masters Weekend 5:30AM – POE ride to Chapter “D” Mesa (Meet @ Chevron on Ina & Old Father)
11 Masters Weekend	12	13	14	15	16	17 10:00AM – Chapter “A” Chili cook-off @ Kennedy Park (Ajo & La Cholla Ramada #31)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Chapter “K” Meeting
25 9AM – Ride to IKEA (Tempe) for lunch in the IKEA Café – Meet at Oracle & Magee	26	27	28 6PM – Evening ride to REBS Café in Benson – Meet @ Chevron at Wilmot & I-10	29	30	31